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Serial No.: 09/616,140

Filed: July 13, 2000

For: Apparatus and Method for
Providing Access to a Data Stream by
a Plurality of Users at a Same Time§
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Group Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: Blount, Steven

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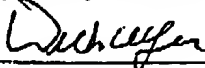
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